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AUGUST COLLECTIONS.

The Month of August is set apart by the General Assembly for Local Home Missions. All remittances should be sent to the Synodical or Presbyterial treasurers.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE NOTES.

Miss Mary Alexander, of Sherman, Tex., was appointed a missionary to Cuba, to be sent out when the way is clear. Rev. H. F. Williams, having returned from his visit to the Orient, gave a brief report of his visit, to be followed by a fuller report at our next meeting. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the committee has heard Mr. Williams' account of his visit to our missions in China, Japan and Korea, and hereby expresses its cordial appreciation of the service rendered by him to our cause during this visit, of which reports have come to the committee from each of these missions. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the members of other missions for the courtesies and help extended to Mr. Williams during his visit. The resignation of Mr. F. A. Brown as a representative of the Forward Movement work was accepted at his request, and the secretaries were instructed to express to him the committee's high appreciation of the fidelity with which he had prosecuted the work committed to him and of the value of his work to the cause. Mr. Brown's report shows that he has visited two hundred and sixty-four churches in the interest of the Forward Movement, whose con-

tributions the preceding year amounted to \$25,394 and whose subscriptions for the present year amount to \$59,476. The secretary reported that a cable had been received announcing the arrival of Dr. Morrison and Dr. Sheppard at Leopoldville on August 10. He also reported that, through the assistance of Mr. Robert Whyte, of London, and of Mr. E. D. Morel, British secretary of the Congo Reform Association, the services of M. Vandervelde, an eminent Belgian lawyer and leader of the Liberal Party in the Belgian Parliament had been secured as legal counsel for Dr. Morrison and Dr. Sheppard in their trial before the court at Leopoldville. According to a report sent out by the Associated Press, the date of the trial has been postponed to September 24.

S. H. Chester, Secretary.

HOME MISSION LEAFLETS.

The Home Mission office is now prepared to furnish literature on all phases of mission work. Pastors and sessions desiring a supply of leaflets for gratuitous distribution to prepare their congregations for the September collection will be gladly and promptly supplied. Send a card to the office stating the number of leaflets or collection envelopes wanted. Don't postpone until the last moment and not allow yourself sufficient time to get the supply by the time they are needed.

In addition to the pamphlets issued by our committee we carry a stock of the latest and best helps furnished by other Home Mission Boards, which we supply at cost. Send for our catalogues and sample copies of the Home Mission Herald. It always gives us pleasure to serve pastors, sessions, societies and friends of Home Missions.

Most sincerely,

S. L. Morris,
Homer McMillan,
Secretaries.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS.

That September Collection: To realize the vast, varied and prospering work carried on by the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions is to enlist your interest and hearty co-operation. This realization will be brought about by a careful reading of the Committee's Annual Report and an occasional half hour with the Home Mission Herald. While the brethren are enjoying their rest season, I should like to suggest that they take advantage of the opportunity and give a day to reading and meditation on the great work of the Assembly's Home Missions. Perhaps you will get a new and larger vision of this important cause, and when you return to make your September appeal you will doubtless do so with zeal and power. We are convinced that there is need of more knowledge of the work which the Assembly's Committee is doing, else the apportionment of one dollar per member would soon be met. The point which I wish to emphasize in this brief reminder is to study Home Missions. Read, gather statistics, watch

the moving of the centers of population and consider our opportunities and responsibility. There is abundant available literature which is accessible to every preacher. The committee is eager to supply you with information. The facts will loosen your tongue and give point and power to your speech. The phenomenal success of Governor Glenn in stirring our people to greater liberality in this cause is largely due to the fact that his heart is afire with the real spiritual destitution of our country. Until the pulpit is fully informed on this subject it can not and will not arouse our people to their easy task of one dollar per member. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest."

Rev. Hugh R. Murchison.

Bishopville, S. C.

ALABAMA.

Gadsden: Rev. William E. Hill, the pastor here, was recently called by the church at Farmville, Va. He has determined to accept the call.

The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa will hold its next stated meeting at Hadden Church, Sumter county, at 1 p. m., Tuesday, October 12, 1909.

J. G. Praigg, S. C.

Prattville Church has given a unanimous call to Rev. E. M. Craig, the successful evangelist and superintendent of home mission work of East Alabama Presbytery. It is hoped that he will accept the call.

Selma, Valley Creek Church: A very gracious meeting in this historic church has just closed. Rev. H. M. Edmonds, of Montgomery, assisted the pastor, Rev. J. M. Batte. The Word of God was preached effectively. "He preached as a dying man to dying men." Eight were added to the membership of the church.

ARKANSAS.

Paraloma: This is a new town on the M. P. & G. railway, in Sevier county, and has no church organization or building of public worship. It is surrounded by a very fertile black land country and is filling up quite rapidly with settlers. The Rev. Messrs. J. L. McAdams and J. C. Williams conducted a protracted meeting under a brush arbor, including Sunday, August 8, and the attendance and attention was very good. Rains interfered with the preaching, but the interest increased, and there were several professions and two additions to the Presbyterian church. Mr. McAdams will preach to them monthly, and great good is expected. They have no regular preaching and are very glad to have these monthly visits.

Fordyce: Mr. E. Cata, a recent graduate of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and whose home is in Cuba, on his return to his native land stopped for an evening with the young people of the Fordyce Presbyterian church. We were much impressed with his gentle earnestness and humility, and believe he will be a valuable acquisition to the work in